

Remarks

In the specification, the Abstract has been amended to exclude reference numerals and to correct other formalities.

Claims 1-7 have been amended. The amendments correct formalities and are fully supported by the specification, drawings and claims as originally filed in International Application PCT/EP03/06864. No new matter is believed or intended to be involved.

Respectfully submitted,

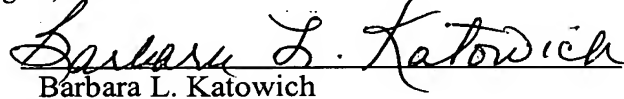

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